

**SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
929 Lakeshore Drive
Leesport, PA 19533-8631**

MINUTES

December 6, 2021

1.0 The Reorganization/Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President, G. Dane Miller, in the Auditorium of the Schuylkill Valley High School.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL

Holdover Members Present: Robert M. Dempsey, G. Dane Miller, David E. Moll (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Alfonso F. Rossi

Board Member George H. Mertz III was not physically present but participated and voted via speakerphone.

Secretary: Linda R. Lash

Treasurer: Michelle Kauffman (not present)

Recording Secretary: Susan A. Christman

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Cathy Taschner, Dr. Janet Heilman, Michael Billman, Casey Blankenbiller, Robin Brightbill, Stephanie Deibler, Diane Kaag, Dr. Joshua Kuehner, Courtney Maguire, Jenny Rexrode

1.3 RECOGNITION

Farewell to Board Member

Mr. Kevin Raudenbush has dedicated his service to the citizens and students of the Schuylkill Valley School District since 2008. Mr. Miller thanked him for his devotion in serving the district and wished him well in his future endeavors.

2.0 SELECTION OF A TEMPORARY PRESIDENT (from holdover members)

G. Dane Miller served as the temporary President.

3.0 RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS: HOLIDAY CARDS

The Board recognized the following middle school students in Mrs. Ronda Seymour's art classes whose designs were chosen to represent the school district on holiday cards: Matilda Walborn, fifth grade; Milania Snyder, sixth grade; Odin Lindner, seventh grade; and Delilah Cole, eighth grade.

Each student was presented with a set of cards and a framed poster of their design as tokens of appreciation for their creativity and hard work.

3.1 The Board was also pleased to recognized:

- Luke Seymour, senior, Boys Cross-Country, won the BCIAA County Championship and finished 4th at the PIAA District III Championship. He was named Boys Cross-Country Outstanding Runner for 2021 and also made the BCIAA All-Conference Team.

- Ms. Emily Calaman, Middle School Librarian, was selected as the winner of the 2021 Pennsylvania School Library Innovator Award in the area of Teaching and Learning by the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association. This award recognizes Pennsylvania school librarians who demonstrate innovative practices that advance the profession. She will accept her award at the 48th Annual Conference held April 2022 in Hershey, PA.

4.0 CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR NEWLY ELECTED OR REELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

G. Dane Miller, Temporary President, read the Certificates of Election from the Berks County Board of Elections for Paul L. Bendigo, Region 1; Nicoleen M. Kleffel, At Large; Linda R. Lash, At Large; Bryan J. O'Donnell, At Large.

5.0 SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED AND REELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

G. Dane Miller, Temporary President, administered the oath of office to newly elected and reelected Board members:

Paul L. Bendigo (Region 1)	Four-year term to conclude first Monday in December 2025
Nicoleen M. Kleffel (At Large)	Four-year term to conclude first Monday in December 2025
Linda R. Lash (At Large)	Four-year term to conclude first Monday in December 2025
Bryan J. O'Donnell (At Large)	Four-year term to conclude first Monday in December 2025

6.0 LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TERMS

Paul L. Bendigo	Region 1	2021-2025
Robert M. Dempsey	Region 2	2019-2023
Nicoleen M. Kleffel	At Large	2021-2025
Linda R. Lash	At Large	2021-2025
George H. Mertz III	At Large	2019-2023
G. Dane Miller	At Large	2019-2023
David E. Moll	At Large	2019-2023
Bryan J. O'Donnell	At Large	2021-2025
Alfonso F. Rossi	Region 3	2019-2023

7.0 NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Temporary President G. Dane Miller asked for nominations for President.

Moved by Alfonso Rossi and seconded by George Mertz to nominate David Moll for President.

Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by George Mertz to close the nominations for President.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed 9-0 for David Moll for Board President.

8.0 NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President David Moll asked for nominations for Vice President.

Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to nominate Paul Bendigo as Vice President.

Moved by G. Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to close the nominations for Vice President.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed 9-0 for Paul Bendigo for Board Vice President.

9.0 APPOINTMENTS: BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

The Board is requested to consider and appoint representatives as listed:

9.1 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison (One-Year Term)

Mrs. Linda Lash agreed to serve as the representative for a one-year term and Mr. Robert Dempsey agreed to serve as the alternate representative for the same one-year term.

9.2 Tax Collection Committee (One-Year Term)

Mr. David Moll agreed to serve as the representative for a one-year term and Mr. Paul Bendigo agreed to serve as the alternate representative for the same one-year term.

10.0 CONTINUING APPOINTMENTS

10.1 Berks Career and Technology Center: Joint Operating Committee (Three-Year Term)

Mr. George Mertz is presently the representative and Mr. David Moll is the alternate representative through December 31, 2022, as appointed at the December 3, 2019 Board meeting.

10.2 Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Representative (Three-Year Term)

Mrs. Linda Lash is presently the representative through June 30, 2023 as appointed at the April 27, 2020 Board meeting.

10.3 Berks Vocational-Technical School Authority Representative (Five-Year Term)

Mr. Geoffrey Miller (former Board member) is presently the representative through December 31, 2025, as appointed at the December 1, 2020 Board meeting.

11.0 CONTINUING OFFICES

11.1 Secretary

Mrs. Linda Lash was appointed to a four-year term, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 at the May 24, 2021 Board meeting.

11.2 Treasurer

Mrs. Michelle Kauffman was appointed to a one-year term, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the May 24, 2021 Board meeting.

12.0 BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: 2022 and 2023

Policy, Personnel and Public Relations

George H. Mertz III, Chair
Paul L. Bendigo

Linda R. Lash
Alfonso F. Rossi

Curriculum and Technology

G. Dane Miller, Chair
Nicoleen M. Kleffel

Linda R. Lash
Bryan J. O'Donnell

Budget and Finance

Paul L. Bendigo, Chair
Robert M. Dempsey

Nicoleen M. Kleffel
Bryan J. O'Donnell

Buildings and Grounds

Alfonso F. Rossi, Chair
Paul L. Bendigo

Robert M. Dempsey
George H. Mertz III

Extracurricular Activities

Nicoleen M. Kleffel, Chair
Linda R. Lash

George H. Mertz III
G. Dane Miller

Mr. Moll asked for the following changes to the Committee membership:

- ✓ ***G. Dane Miller to become the Chairperson of the Curriculum and Technology Committee (to replace Mr. Raudenbush as Chairperson).***
- ✓ ***Add Bryan J. O'Donnell to the Curriculum and Technology Committee (to replace David Moll).***
- ✓ ***Paul L. Bendigo to become the Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee (to replace Mr. Moll as Chairperson).***
- ✓ ***Add Bryan J. O'Donnell to the Budget and Finance Committee (to replace Mr. Raudenbush).***
- ✓ ***Add G. Dane Miller to the Extracurricular Activities Committee (to replace Mr. Dempsey).***

13.0 MEETING DATES: 2022

The Board is requested to consider and approve the Committee and Board meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the Committee and Board meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year, with the addition of April 11, 2022 as a Committee meeting date.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

14.0 PROCESSING OF BILLS

The Board is requested to consider and authorize the Business Office to process bills for payment up to and including December 23, 2021, with the list of said bills to be presented at the regular Board meeting in January 2022 for ratification.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Paul Bendigo to authorize the Business Office to process bills for payment up to and including December 23, 2021, with the list of said bills to be presented at the regular Board meeting in January 2022 for ratification.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Board

15.1 Health and Safety Plan

The Board is requested to consider and approve the revised Schuylkill Valley School District Health and Safety Plan, dated December 6, 2021.

Mr. Rossi asked about the plan stating that the district would mask if we had a 25% increase in the average absentee level, but it doesn't state how to calculate the average absentee level. The way it's laid out, if your absentee level creeps up slowly, you would never get to the 25% and you could have the whole class out. Mr. Bendigo asked what our current average school absence rate is and is it split by buildings. He understands the middle school and high school students ride together on the busses, but the elementary students are separate. Would we be dividing possibly the elementary by a different criteria versus the middle school and the high school, or would the entire district be going by one number and what the average school absence rate is. Dr. Taschner stated that we do a daily calculation of student discipline and from that we get our average. It doesn't say that by building, so that is a fair enough question, but it would be by building. The intent of this was what would the threshold be at which we could not any longer provide education. If there were so many students at home and teachers were trying to send home packets or provide an education and still doing that with the students in class, that it would not be possible any more to do that well. That's what we were trying to do. There is a lot of conversation about what should a metric be; should it be by incident rate or by transmission rate. There are many different opinions on this and she does not feel comfortable making any such recommendation, but with these thresholds we are trying to pinpoint a guess at which our teachers would be so overburdened that we could no longer really do that. This may be a high threshold, we've never encountered this, so it is nothing more than a guess. Mr. Rossi noted that it could be a low threshold because if one day you have two people out and your average is two and then you have three, you're 50% over. He believes we need to figure out a better calculation. Dr. Taschner stated there are many variables in this and Mr. Rossi is absolutely right. She would entertain any recommendations that the Board would want to make on such a metric. Our goal is to always keep students in school and that's what we're leading with the plan and trying to honor that. The Administration is open to any and all feedback and any suggestions that the Board might have.

Mr. Miller stated that the one benchmark is pretty clear and that's the educators who are staffing the rooms. It's going to be pretty obvious if we don't have enough staff to satisfactorily educate our students. The hard part might be setting that benchmark for student absenteeism. Whatever the leadership decides to do, he thinks you have to look at how many students are out, do we have more out possibly than are in school. Those are the kinds of things they have to weigh in determining what those benchmarks are. He believes that's up to them to come up with a good conclusion as far as that number. He doesn't think any of the Board is voting on this to approve it as the courts are still fighting it out, so we have time for the leadership team to figure out what those benchmarks will be. During Mr. Miller's time as Board President, he monitored the zip code data, and there is a clear difference in the southern half of the county and the northern half of the county. The City of Reading has seven times the transmission rate than we do. Our neighboring district to the south of us, Muhlenberg, has double the transmission rate than we do. The further north you go, the lower the transmission rate is. To use other people's numbers or use a county number to fit to Schuylkill Valley does not make any sense to him. We know what Schuylkill Valley's population is and the zip code data has been out there for almost two years, and in February it will be two years. Mr. Rossi noted that the district to the north of us that had lower incidence rates has missed more days of school than we have. Mr. Miller noted this was correct and it would be interesting to see what their benchmark is

before deciding to do that. Mr. Rossi stated that it revolves a lot around how rigorous they are with their masking exemption requirements. Mr. Miller pointed out that information he saw as of December 6 is that St. Christopher's Hospital for Children has zero cases. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's website stated that "despite lower COVID-19 transmission rates and hospitalizations in most areas, children and families face lingering effects on their health and well-being from the lockdowns, disruptions to education and access to health services, social isolation and experiences of loss." This past spring, it has been stated by respiratory groups and mental health groups that we are harming our students. Just think of our younger students not being able to see how our teachers are forming the letters with their mouths. This has a dramatic impact with things that we're not even thinking about and that's why he thinks you keep doing the common-sense things such as washing your hands. Mr. Rossi stated that it's not transmitted by touch nearly as much as by air. Mr. Miller stated that you do the common-sense things such as maintaining personal space, but it should be up to the individual whether or not to wear a mask, and we'll supply the masks to those that wish to wear them. Mr. Rossi stated that's not how it works; it's transmitted through the air. What we know is what we've been doing works as we've had 100% in-person learning this year. What CHOP is referring to is because children are isolated because they're stuck at home trying to do virtual learning. Our kids have been in school 100%. He thinks aside from one incident in August, all of our sports teams have been able to attend every single event. They haven't been precluded from anything due to COVID and he thinks it's directly resulting from our masking. Mr. Miller asked if we've solved the problem and reached the end of this, no we haven't. How long has this been? Mr. Rossi stated that it doesn't matter how long it's been as it's not time related.

Mr. Miller asked when is it time to try something different. Mr. Rossi stated that when the people around us are trying something different and not failing, that's when we can try it. Mr. Miller stated that he and Mr. Rossi have been on opposite sides of this for a long time and he respects Mr. Rossi's opinion. We have discussed this and there are valid arguments for both sides. We have been through flatten the curve, herd immunity, and follow the science. The goal posts seem to change all the time. It's insane to continue to do the same thing when we can take steps and free kids from the mask if they want to be. If they want to continue wearing it they have that option. Why don't we give the parents and students who don't want to wear a mask that option? Mr. Rossi noted that the principals of industrial hygiene and protecting workers from pollutants in the workplace is that you control the pollutants at their source and you put protective equipment on the employees as a last resort. The problem here is the source of the pollution is the people. That's where it's coming from, it's not just floating in the air magically. It comes from people that are carrying it that don't know they have it, which is why the masks are working for us. He doesn't understand why what has worked for us perfectly is something we want to change right now when we see neighboring districts failing when they're not doing what we are doing. We know that the district to the north has approximately 600 kids in their district that are not masked because they write an exemption without any medical backup. They have a larger unmasked population, and as a result, they're missing school days. Mr. Miller asked if that wouldn't show up on the hospital dashboards. Between Reading Hospital and St. Joseph's, one child is in the hospital. Mr. Rossi stated that he's just trying to keep the kids in school and not have the district shut down by the Department of Health because of a flare-up of COVID.

Mrs. Kleffel stated that if you looked at the actual numbers of the two school districts that are being discussed, their numbers are actually quite lower than our numbers, and we've been masked. Hamburg and Tulpehocken's numbers are both lower than ours. Mr. Rossi stated that everyone could agree that there's a lack of reporting in those districts. Mr. Mertz added that the homecoming game was standing room only and there were no masks. For every argument for the masks, there's a counter argument. Mr. Miller stated that he would be voting in favor of the Health and Safety Plan if it has optional

masking. It's long overdue for us to do something different. Mr. Bendigo stated that the average absence number could be caused by the regular flu and not just COVID. Whatever criteria we come up with, his own personal recommendation is that we include a separate area where we go to code red where we recommend to all the students and parents that they do wear a mask so we don't get to that breakpoint that is 25% or whatever is picked as the criteria that we use. That way the parents have the option to do the responsible thing and have their children wear a mask so that we stay below that number and continue to have the students in class versus having to go to mandatory masks or shutting down a building. If there's something that could be placed in between there to where we have a warning to put out to everyone that we haven't reached the point where we have to bring it before the Board to have mandatory masking, but we recommend everyone wear a mask so we don't get to that point and then when it drops back down, we can take it off again.

Mr. Moll stated that the question he has for the Board is that we're under the governor's edict to have masks mandatory, so we still have time to decide. The appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court will take some time as they're only hearing discussions on December 8. This will probably take us through the holidays. He knows through discussions out in the community that a lot of people would like to at least get us through the holidays to keep everyone safe through that time period. He asked for a consensus to table the motion through the holidays.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to table motion 15.1, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion tabled.

15.2 Resignation

The Board is requested to consider and accept, with best wishes for the future, the resignation of Mr. Shane Silas, Special Education Teacher at the Elementary School, effective on or before January 27, 2022.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to accept the resignation in Item 15.2, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.3 Employment

15.3.1 The Board hereby employs Mr. John Reedy to serve as Director of Business Management and Operations for a term commencing on January 31, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement and job description attached hereto.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Dane Miller to employ Mr. John Reedy to serve as Director of Business Management and Operations for a term commencing on January 31, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement and job description attached hereto.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 15.3.2** The Board hereby employs Mr. Michael Billman to serve as Director of Instructional and Information Technology for a term commencing on December 6, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement and job description attached hereto.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Paul Bendigo to employ Mr. Michael Billman to serve as Director of Instructional and Information Technology for a term commencing on December 6, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement and job description attached hereto.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 15.3.3** The Board hereby employs Ms. Robin Brightbill to serve as Director of Human Resources for a term commencing on December 6, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement and job description attached hereto.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Paul Bendigo to employ Ms. Robin Brightbill to serve as Director of Human Resources for a term commencing on December 6, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement and job description attached hereto.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

Employment

The Board is requested to consider and approve employment of the following (all elections are contingent upon receipt and district approval of all necessary pre-employment forms, certification, state-mandated physical examinations, clearances, etc.):

- 15.3.4** Department Chairs for the 2021-22 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment of the Department Chairs for the 2021-22 school year.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

- 15.3.5** Winter Coaches for the 2021-22 school year.

Board Action: Moved by George Mertz and seconded by Nicoleen Kleffel to approve the employment of the Winter Coaches for the 2021-22 school year.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.3.6 Substitutes for the 2021-22 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Robert Dempsey and seconded by Linda Lash to approve the employment of the Substitutes for the 2021-22 school year.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.3.7 Volunteers for the 2021-22 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Dane Miller to approve the employment of the Volunteers for the 2021-22 school year.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.4 Contract for Services

The Board is requested to consider and approve acceptance of the renewal from National School Applications Network, Inc. for the annual membership fee for the PA REAP teacher application system, at a cost of \$1,099.00.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by Linda Lash to approve acceptance of the renewal from National School Applications Network, Inc. for the annual membership fee for the PA REAP teacher application system, at a cost of \$1,099.00.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.5 Employee Leave of Absence

The Board is requested to consider and approve the request for a leave of absence for Ms. Sara Good, Full-Time Reading Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective December 14, 2021, through approximately January 18, 2022.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the request for a leave of absence for Ms. Sara Good, Full-Time Reading Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, effective December 14, 2021, through approximately January 18, 2022.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.6 District Solicitor

The Board is requested to consider and approve the appointment of Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys as the school district solicitor for the 2022 calendar year, according to the schedule of fees and services outlined in their proposal.

Mr. Bendigo stated that he would like to give the Superintendent the opportunity to look into this a little more closely to decide whether or not we need one solicitor or two solicitors. Do we need to break down the responsibilities between personnel issues versus school code issues? We might end up staying with one solicitor or there might be a different recommendation. He believes it would be prudent to table this for a month.

The last time this was approved was on March 22, 2021. The Superintendent will have time to look at other school districts, see what they're doing, and come back to the Board with a recommendation on what the district should do. Mr. Miller stated that he does not mind tabling the motion, however he would have a problem moving from Kozloff Stoudt as our solicitor. He doesn't mind us adding extra help, but this solicitor helped the district a tremendous amount in getting us through the past year. He believes we would be heading in the wrong direction by not reengaging them as solicitor. Mr. Moll added that it's the point of just looking at other choices for additional help.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by George Mertz to table motion 15.6, as presented.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion tabled.

15.7 Right-to-Know Officer

The Board is requested to consider and approve the appointment of the Director of Business Management and Operations as the district's Right-to-Know Officer effective January 31, 2022, with the employment of Mr. John Reedy. This appointment is currently held by the Superintendent.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the appointment of the Director of Business Management and Operations as the district's Right-to-Know Officer effective January 31, 2022, with the employment of Mr. John Reedy. This appointment is currently held by the Superintendent.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

15.8 Holiday Ball DJ

The Board is requested to consider and approve the DJ Business Agreement for the high school Holiday Ball on December 23, 2021, at a cost of \$225.00.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Paul Bendigo to approve the DJ Business Agreement for the high school Holiday Ball on December 23, 2021, at a cost of \$225.00.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.9 Junior/Senior Prom

The Board is requested to consider and approve the tent rental agreement from the Green Valley Country Club for the Junior/Senior Prom on April 29, 2022, at a cost of \$2,000.00.

Board Action: Moved by Linda Lash and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the tent rental agreement from the Green Valley Country Club for the Junior/Senior Prom on April 29, 2022, at a cost of \$2,000.00.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

Buildings and Grounds

15.10 Natural Gas Commodity Price Lock

The Board is requested to consider and approve the natural gas commodity price lock between Schuylkill Valley School District, UGI ES, and Direct Energy, for the commodity price portion from January 2022 through June 2024, to be based on the open of the market and locked in on December 7, 2021.

Board Action: Moved by Dane Miller and seconded by George Mertz to approve the natural gas commodity price lock between Schuylkill Valley School District, UGI ES, and Direct Energy, for the commodity price portion from January 2022 through June 2024, to be based on the open of the market and locked in on December 7, 2021.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

15.11 Facility Use Agreement

The Board is requested to consider and approve the facility use agreement with the American Red Cross to permit use of the high school and middle school as shelters and other service delivery sites for disaster victims. This agreement only applies when Red Cross requests use of the facility and is managing the activity at the facility.

Board Action: Moved by Paul Bendigo and seconded by Alfonso Rossi to approve the facility use agreement with the American Red Cross to permit use of the high school and middle school as shelters and other service delivery sites for disaster victims. This agreement only applies when Red Cross requests use of the facility and is managing the activity at the facility.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

Extracurricular Activities

15.12 Overnight Athletic Trips

The Board is requested to consider and approve the overnight athletic trips schedule for the 2021-22 school year.

Board Action: Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Robert Dempsey to approve the overnight athletic trips schedule for the 2021-22 school year.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

16.0 PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one addressed the Board.

17.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mrs. Lash reminded everyone that the high school winter concert will take place on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nicoleen Kleffel and seconded by Bryan O'Donnell that, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Bendigo, Dempsey, Kleffel, Lash, Mertz, Miller, Moll, O'Donnell, Rossi

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Linda R. Lash, Secretary
Board of School Directors